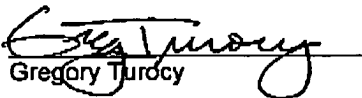


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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant of Amendment dated February 13, 2004. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments. A Declaration is enclosed herewith. The listing of claims includes the full text of the withdrawn claims.